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Local organizations awarded grants for art and culture programs

LANSING – Three local schools and Canton Leisure Services in the cities of Northville, Canton and Plymouth were awarded grants recently by Michigan’s Art and Humanities Touring Program, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced today.

The Touring Program, funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, consists of a wide variety of cultural programs ranging from school assembly musical performances to library storytellers.

“I am pleased our local programs received this much-deserved cultural funding,” Patterson said. “This money will be used to educate our young children and open their minds to a diverse selection of music, theater and comedy.”

Ridge Wood Elementary, Bird Elementary and Winchester Elementary received a combined total of \$1,309. Canton Leisure Services received \$1,114.

The Touring Program awarded a total of \$35,573 to more than 100 programs statewide. The grants support live presenters such as musicians, storytellers, theater companies, speakers and dancers. The programs are hosted and sponsored by community schools, libraries, museums, festivals, art councils and other nonprofit organizations.

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